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## FIFTY PER CENT MORE TAXES

AN increase in taxation of approximately fifty percent is the unpleasant outlook for property owners in Tonopah. This is in the face of no unusual cause for expenditure, unless it be contemplated in the "overhead," referred to in these columns several days ago.

In its resolution of March 6, preliminary to borrowing \$20,000, the board told of the expenses it had undergone for unforeseen jury trials, two of the most expensive of which were the Booth cases, where criminal instead of civil action was taken in order to saddle the cost upon the taxpayers. It also related that revenues were falling off.

The next step taken was a remarkable one, in fact, paradoxical. It proceeded to prepare a budget that called for a much greater expenditure of public money, instead of adopting economies. For instance, the general fund was raised from \$40,000 to \$47,000, the indigent fund from \$12,000 to \$20,000, THE SALARY FUND from \$35,000 to \$40,000 and others in proportion.

But there is little danger of the tax money being insufficient to meet the increased demand upon it, for the board has put the screws on property owners as never before known in this county. The burden will be borne by all, but particularly by the public utility concerns, which have all had 14.3% added to their valuations. Now comes the further requirement that the assessor appraise all property at 80 instead of 70% of the cash valuation, making for the companies above mentioned a double raise.

But that is not all, nor nearly all. The commissioners have levied a tax this year far above that of previous years. In the Town of Tonopah, for instance, the rate was \$2.73 in 1915, while this year it is \$3.76, an increase of \$1.03, or 38%. When the increased valuation is considered it will be found that approximately 50% more taxes must be paid, an outrageous and inexcusable persecution of the people in view of the fact that the board in the past year went to no unusual expense for the town, except, of course, the tariff folly, or gross misdeed, whichever it may be termed.

Undoubtedly an expert juggler of figures could explain it all away and possibly will attempt to do so before election, but he must first blind the eye of the taxpayer to his increased valuation and augmented rate. That will be an extremely difficult, in fact, an impossible task.

## MINING AND AGRICULTURE

THERE is a great necessity for men engaged in the mining industry to be more familiar with political affairs, especially conditions in Washington and in their state capitals, is the statement recently made in a bulletin of the Arizona State Bureau of Mines. That this has not been the case is in no small degree responsible for the unfair distribution of government funds regarding mining and agriculture.

Agriculture and mining are the two backbone industries of the country, and both deserve fostering by the federal and state governments. More money could profitably be spent in the agricultural development of the country and more undoubtedly will be spent; it is quite probable that in a few years the size of agricultural appropriations will have doubled their present size.

The same is true of mining, says the Denver Mining Record. The mines in the country as a whole produce almost as much new wealth as agriculture, and in many states, such as Nevada, the mines produce annually as much as the total value of all farm land, improvement and products. If anything mining should receive more aid from the government than is given to agriculture, as it is more scientific, and results are obtained only after long and expensive experimentation. Moreover, that which is taken from mines is removed forever, and there is no opportunity of correcting mistakes, whereas on a farm a mistake in one year's crop may be corrected in the next.

Mining is not receiving its fair proportion of government and state appropriations, and it is largely the fault of those in the mining industry, for they have not been given the co-ordinate action of the persistent type which the farmers have. Co-operation and organization will be the means by which the miner will receive his share of attention.

## EFFICIENCY AND COURTESY

J. McQUILLAN, the new postmaster of Tonopah, has been in office for several weeks and it is noticed that not a single change has taken place in the postoffice, the same faces as before being seen at each window. When asked if any changes were contemplated, the postmaster said: "Why should there be, even those permitted by civil service rules? My force is organized for efficiency and courtesy."

Nothing in the way of comment need be added to this terse and expressive reply. It is, indeed, a splendidly organized piece of office machinery, a credit to the preceding as well as to the present administration, but it is more than efficiency and courtesy as unit. The same characteristics must and do exist in the individuals composing the organization.

And in connection let it be stated that there is another organization in Tonopah, not under civil service rules, which shows similar characterization, and that is the corps of operators at "central." The system there is also nearly perfect, due to individualism again, as well as to a system that has been intelligently and painstakingly built up and sustained. Responses to calls are almost instantaneously given and, no matter what may be the stress at a busy hour, or how impatient may be the party on the line, courtesy sounds in every inflection of the voice at "central." Really, efficiency and courtesy are almost equal in importance in every line of business, but the latter is so frequently considered by the employer as scarcely worthy of development.

## ON A DANGEROUS ERRAND

ALL the newspapers, the Bonanza included, are saying, or being made to say, that Villa is trapped. Perhaps he is, The Bonanza hopes he is and sincerely wishes that before this issue appears the article now being typewritten must be taken from the forms.

But, deep down, we don't think he is trapped, or will be trapped, at least not until much time and many good American lives have passed. He is as much at home in his sierra as a badger in his hole or a lion in his den or a Douglas in his hall.

Just a mere handful of soldiers were sent across the border and they have invaded a terra incognita, where danger lurks on every hand, where a brutal, naked, unrelenting nature fights on the side of the bandits. It is true that Carranza is, or professes to be, friendly and aiding, but what of his rank and file? They are Mexicans and Villa is a Mexican. They are sworn to the Carranza cause, but of what moment is their oath, when the hated gringo is invading their realm on a punitive expedition?

The Bonanza is not an alarmist, not a jingo, not startled by the rustle of leaves of the falling of a shadow, but it is not optimistic over the outcome of this expedition.

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED

The Czar's income is said to be \$500,000 a day. That's one man who never did any more than he was paid for and yet got paid for more than he did.—Nashville Tennessean.

## BRINE NOW USED TO MAKE POISON GAS

JAPAN IS EXPORTING BROMIDE TO GREAT BRITAIN AND ENTENTE ALLIES

(By Associated Press.)  
 OSKA, Japan, Mar. 28.—According to the Mainichi, Japan is exporting to Great Britain large quantities of bromide, which is used in the production of poison gas. Germany has inexhaustible rock salt beds from which bromide is obtained; Japan has no rock salt but has great areas of salt farms in the southern districts of the empire. The brine which is left after the table salt is extracted has had a limited use in the past as a fertilizer and as an ingredient in bean curd.

The war which stopped the importation of dyestuffs and drugs from Germany caused manufacturers here to start chemical factories and one of these discovered that bromide could be had from brine. A sample was sent to England and Japanese bromide making is now a regular and fruitful industry.

## TOUR OF INSPECTION

(By Associated Press.)  
 TOKIO, Mar. 28.—Rear Admiral S. Akizawa, director of the military affairs bureau at the navy department, has been ordered to proceed to Europe on the mission of inspecting the naval conditions of the belligerent countries. Afterward he will visit the United States. He will start on his mission March 20 by way of Siberia, accompanied by Commander K. Yamashiki.

## AID FOR FRENCH WOUNDED

A few ladies will meet on Friday afternoon at the public library to prepare hospital supplies to be sent by the Red Cross to French hospitals. Anyone interested in this object is requested to come and give their time on Friday. Contributions of old sheets, tablecloths, pillow cases, men's shirts and nightshirts will be appreciated as such articles are much needed.

## FEWER IDLE WORKMEN

(By Associated Press.)  
 PARIS, Mar. 28.—Official figures just given out by the department of labor inspection show a revival of industry and a decrease in the number of idle workmen in France.

## CRIME IN BRITISH ISLES ON DECREASE

(By Associated Press.)  
 LONDON, Mar. 28.—A reduction in the prison estimates of the British Isles for the coming year of \$500,000 or about 12 per cent—and the shutting up, in whole or in part of a score of prisons are some of the visible evidences of the reduction of crime owing to the war, according to the report of the commissioners of prisons. Of the twenty prisons closed or in process of being closed eleven have been closed entirely, all being situated in towns of moderate size like Chelmsford, Hereford, Stafford, St. Albans, etc.

The biggest drop in crime was noticed in the year ending March, 1915, when the percentage was 281 per 100,000 population. The fiscal year now drawing to a close is expected to show a still further decrease in crime, the report says.

## LIMITED IN SIZE

(By Associated Press.)  
 VIENNA, Mar. 28.—The Hungarian authorities now limit the size of newspapers, according to their price, says a Budapest dispatch to a local labor paper. Papers which sell at one cent may not use more than six pages of ordinary size, while two cent papers may use from eight to twelve pages. No newspaper may print more than twelve pages at a single issue.

## COOLNESS AND VENTILATION

Within the next two weeks work will begin on a new ventilating system for the Miners' hall. The system will afford coolness and free circulation of air during the summer. The air will be admitted in such fashion as not to permit any dust to enter the hall.

## NOTICE OF DIVIDEND

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Tonopah Mining company of Nevada, held this day, a regularly quarterly dividend of fifteen per cent was declared, payable April 20th, 1916, to stockholders of record at 3:00 o'clock p. m., March 21st, 1916. Transfer books will close at 3:00 p. m. March 31st, and open at 10:00 a. m. April 8th for dividend and close April 12th and open May 3rd account annual meeting.

(Signed) C. A. HIGBEE,  
 Secretary.  
 Philadelphia, Pa., Mar. 23rd, 1916.  
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